



Calendar Notes

- *As it presently stands, the last day of the school for students will be a half-day on June 22. The staff will be required to work a full day on June 23.
- *The School Committee has voted to begin school before Labor Day next year. See info below.
- *Contact your child's teacher if you did not get a conference letter with a return slip.
- *There is an Early Release Day on **Thursday, March 26**.
- *The Spring MCAS tests are March 30- April 14. A more detailed copy of the schedule will be published soon.

All Day Kindergarten

The School Committee voted for a three-day full day kindergarten program for all schools beginning in September. The program will be an optional fee based program. More details will be coming soon!

Safety Program

Because of our concern as a school community about the traffic issues surrounding Lincoln School, Officer Brud Houlihan will address Grades 1-5 about pedestrian safety on March 18. His program will focus on crosswalk safety, using crossing signals etc. Thank you for your cooperation with our parking restrictions and speed limits in the area of Lincoln School. Spaces painted with stripes are no parking zones established to provide better visibility for oncoming traffic.

Back by Popular Demand- All the Right Type Keyboard Offer

Last year, I was able to offer All the Right Type keyboard CD's for \$15. Many families purchased them for home use for their intermediate-aged children. It is the same keyboard program as the one in our computer lab and at McCall. If you are interested in purchasing the CD, just send a \$15 check made out to Kate Scanlon by the end of March. Put in it an envelope marked with your child's name and homeroom. There will be a drop off box at the main office for these orders.

Winchester 2009/2010 School Calendar – Start date Tuesday, Sept 1

The Winchester School Committee voted at their March 3 meeting to begin the 2009/2010 school year for students on Tuesday, September 1. Since Labor Day falls late this year (on September 7), an earlier start will allow the last day of school to fall earlier in June. This option was supported by a majority of parents responding to the School Department's survey.

- **September 1** will be an early release day for elementary grades; middle and high students have a special partial -day schedule.
- **September 2** will be an early release day for elementary students only.
- **September 3** will be a full day for all levels.
- **September 4-** No school to allow families a long Labor Day weekend.

Detailed information is on the School Department's web site; follow this link to see the official calendar: http://www.winchester.k12.ma.us/School%20Calendar%202009-10%20%20VOTED%203_3_09.pdf